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the Registrar of Co-operative Societies had to take steps to disburse rebate in the societies in the State for the period subsequent to September 1957. He has since settled the claims in all the districts up to end of January 1958. With the balance of funds available from the allotment of Rs. 45 lakhs for 1958–59 the Registrar of Co-operative Societies can meet the claims for the two months, February and March 1958. The claims of societies in the Madurai circle for the two months, February and March 1958, which amount to Rs. 1·43 lakhs are under scrutiny and will be settled shortly.

The societies in the State including those in the Madurai circle have so far preferred claims only up to July 1958. It may be seen from what has been stated so far, that the claims of the weavers' societies in the Madurai circle for the months from April to June 1958 amounting to Rs. 2·26 lakhs could not be sanctioned for want of funds from the Government of India. The Government have already addressed the Planning Commission and the Government of India to increase the allotment for Rebate Scheme for 1958–59 by an additional allotment of Rs. 35 lakhs. On this additional allotment being made, the claims of the societies in the State for rebate for the period from April 1958 will have to be settled.

I may mention here that the Government have been alive to the need for the societies being assisted to proceed with their production uninterruptedly notwithstanding the non-payment of rebate to them. The Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies have been instructed to arrange with the local Central Co-operative Banks to allow special accommodation to the weavers' societies pending the receipt by the societies of the rebate due to them. The Central Banks will be sanctioning cash credit to the weavers' societies to be recouped at the time of disbursement of rebate. In the Madurai district, the Director of Handlooms recently discussed the question with the Madurai Central Bank and impressed on the bank the need to see that the societies in the district are not hampered for want of funds. In view this arrangement, there is no difficulty for societies in the Madurai district in getting working capital loan from the Central Bank. In the circumstances, there is no reason for any apprehension that the delay in the payment of rebate, results in unemployment and starvation among the weavers in Madurai town.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) OPEN PLACES (PREVENTION OF DISFIGUREMENT) BILL, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER: The following motion has been passed by the Council on 1st November 1958:

"That the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly be obtained for setting up a Joint Select Commitee of both the Houses consisting of 24 members (16 members of the Legislative Assembly

and 8 members of the Legislative Council) to consider the Madras Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Bill, 1958 (L.C. Bill No. 8 of 1958) and that the following members of the Legislative Council be selected to serve on the Joint Select Committee :—

1. Sri K. Balasubramania Ayyar.
2. Sri G. Krishnamoorthy.
3. Sri John Asirvatham.
4. Sri T. Joghee Gowder.
5. Sri A. Chidambara Mudaliar.
6. Dr. A. Sreenivasan.
7. Srimathi K. B. Sundarambal.
8. Sri N. Nallasenapathi Sarkarai Manradiar."

V.—CORRECTION TO AN ANSWER.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister for Home wants to correct the answer given by him to the supplementary questions put by Sri A. A. Rasheed and Sri N. K. Palanisami to Question No. 102 on 14th February 1958, and I have permitted him to do so.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, in reply to the supplementary questions asked by Sri A. A. Rasheed and Sri N. K. Palanisami on Question No. 102, on 14th February 1958, it was stated by me that the Wool Processing Centre at Vinnamangalam, North Arcot district, was set up by the co-operation of the Andhra and Mysore Governments and that the capital invested was shared equally by the two Governments. But on verification, I find that the Wool Processing Centre at Vinnamangalam is a joint venture of the Governments of Mysore and Madras, with financial assistance from the Government of India.

VI.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE.

10-20 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I present the report * of the Select Committee appointed to consider the amendments to the Madras Assembly Rules.

MR. SPEAKER : The Business Advisory Commitee will decide when it should be taken up for consideration.

VII.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

AMENDMENT TO THE ESTATE DUTY ACT, 1953 (34 OF 1953)—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER : We will now take up the Resolution on the Amendment to the Estate Duty Act of 1953. Is it the desire of the Members that we should have a discussion If not, I shall put it to vote. It is left to Members to talk or not.

(The hon. Member Sri R. Sreenivasa Iyer was standing in his seat.)

If he wants, the hon. Member may speak. Not that it is necessary. I request him to be brief.

* Placed separately on the table of the House.